

## **Town of Scituate COVID19 Update**

### **June 15, 2020**

Board of Selectmen Chair Tony Vegnani thanks everyone who participated in Saturday's election. There was a high early/absentee ballot participation and Town Clerk Kathy Gardner and her team did a great job processing those and walk-ins. This was a strange year with the pandemic safety requirements and everyone did a terrific job.

Congratulations to Andrew Goodrich for his election to the Board of Selectmen. Thank you for everyone who supported me (Tony Vegnani). I'll be returning to the BOS. R.J. Dwyer ran a really good campaign and deserves congratulations as well.

Janice Lindblom will be returning to her seat on the School Committee.

BOS and the Town would like to thank retiring Planning Board member Bill Limbacher for his over 20 years of service.

BOS will be meeting tomorrow night at 5:30pm to review the revised budget estimates for FY21. Because of the pandemic, estimates for state funding have been adjusted 10% lower than previously budgeted. This is anticipated to be \$1.5 million below estimates from before the crisis. BOS and Advisory will review the impact on the budgets this week in preparation for Town Meeting.

Town Meeting will be held on the SHS Football Field on Saturday, June 27th at 9am to adhere to social distancing and gathering safety rules. Please wear a mask.

Restaurants have reopened with outdoor seating around Scituate. It was great to see so many people visiting not only the restaurants, but the open retail stores. Thanks for supporting local and to Scituate Loves Local for helping get the word out that Scituate is back in business.

A small section of Front Street was closed to accommodate The Galley opening. This week, Front Street will be closed on Thursday from 4pm-8pm, Friday and Saturday from 4pm-10pm, and Sunday from 1pm to 8pm. Riva's has applied for more outdoor seating and the request is under review. If approved, there could be additional sections of Front Street or the Otis closed to provide them with additional outdoor seating.

Playgrounds are being inspected today and temporary signage will be installed so those can open by Wednesday at the latest.

Town Hall staff is now back in the building. Appointments are required to visit with staff. Please call the department you'd like to meet with and they will make arrangements for you to enter the building. Masks and social distancing will be required.

Water usage continues to be way above normal consumption as folks are around home more. Normally there are only 2-3 days of use over 1M gallons/day in early June. We've now had 12 days in a row. **OUTDOOR WATERING IS NOT PERMITTED BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 9AM and 5PM.** Irrigation systems may only run one day a week during your precinct hours. These measures are necessary to avoid drought conditions later in the summer. **PLEASE CONSERVE!**

Next update will be Thursday, June 18th at 9:30am.